

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-28 and 36-48 are currently pending and are allowed.

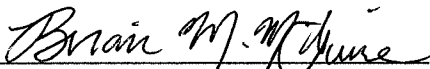
Claims 1-19, 29-35, and 49 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. No claims are amended in this paper. Applicants respectfully submit that the outstanding rejections in this case are rendered moot and present application is in condition for allowance. Thus favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution.

CONCLUSION

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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